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### Key passages

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## COMPARATIVE EFFECTS OF SULPHONAMIDE DRUGS IN MILD BACILLARY DYSENTERY

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*Group 1.*—Patients in an “other ranks” dysentery ward, from June 10 to Nov. 6, 1943. At first it was ruled that any severely ill patients were to be treated on the orthodox lines with sulphaguanidine in the current dosage ; but during the entire period only 15 were so treated, and on subsequent analysis these cases were found to be no more severe than the average. It may therefore be assumed that the cases studied represented a fair sample of the dysenteries treated at the hospital during the summer of 1943. With the above-mentioned proviso, all patients admitted to the ward with blood and mucus and a dysenteric exudate in the stools were to be treated in rotation with one of three suspensions in doses of 3 oz. and then 1 oz. three-hourly for 48 hours. These three suspensions contained in each ounce :

1. Sulphaguanidine	2·5 grammes	} total dose in 48 hours	{ 47·5 grammes	
2. Sulphapyridine	1·0 gramme			19·0
3. Sulphanilamide	1·0 „			19·0